

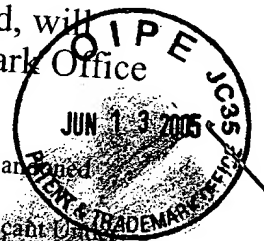


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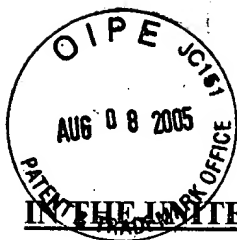
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Group Art Unit: 1635

Serial No.: 09/910,432

Examiner: Richard A. SCHNIZER

Filed: July 20, 2001

For: MULTI-COMPONENT BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS

**REPLY TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.137(B)**

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Sir:

This paper responds to an Office Communication issued on September 17, 2004 for the above-referenced case. This paper is being submitted as a reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) and accompanies a *Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally*, which is filed concurrently herewith.

In the Office Communication of September 17, 2004, the Examiner requested Applicants to select one of the four following branching groups:

1.  $Gn1Rn2$  with  $n1$  = an integer from about 0 to about 20, and  $n2$  = an odd integer from about 5 – 25.
2.  $Gp-RGRDDRRQRRR-Gq$
3.  $Gp-YGRKKRRQRRR-Gq$ , wherein the subscripts  $p$  and  $q$  are independently an integer of from 0 to 20, and

4. Any positively charged fragment of HIV TAT that is not listed in 1, 2, or 3 above, wherein each non-identical fragment represents a patentably distinct positively charged branching group.

In response, Applicants elect the species corresponding to number 2 (i.e., the positively charged branching group corresponding to Gp-RGRDDRRQRRR-Gq). Applicants respectfully assert that this election is fully responsive to the Office Communication of September 17, 2004. Accordingly, revival of this application is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

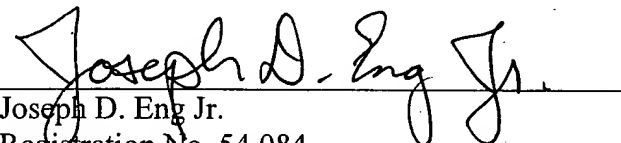
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